

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Prior Art Unit: 2753

Application No.: Continuation Application  
of Serial No. 08/396,981,  
filed March 1, 1995

Prior Examiner: N. Hindi

Filed: December 13, 1999

For: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR  
OPTICAL DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESS

CONTINUATION REISSUE APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Attached is a continuation application of reissue application no. 08/396,981. The  
following documents form a part of this submission:

1. A specification including:

Twenty-three (23) page specification

Twenty-eight (28) claims

Eighteen (18) sheets of informal drawings (Figs. 1-2, 3A-3B, 4A-4B, 5-8,

9A-9B, 10-17 and 18A-18B)

Abstract

2. Copy of original Declaration from 08/396,981.

3. Preliminary Amendment (canceling original claims 1-24)

4. Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449

5. Confirmation Claim for Priority

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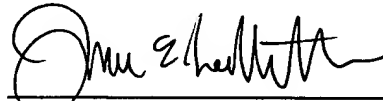
CALCULATION OF FILING FEES

(after cancellation of original claims by the attached preliminary amendment)

Basic Filing Fee	= \$ 760.00
Total Claims 4 (Filed) - 20 (Allowed) = 0 (Extra) x \$18.00	= \$ 0.00
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CONFIRMATION CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following foreign application filed in the following foreign country and priority provided in the 35 USC §119 have been claimed for the above-identified application:

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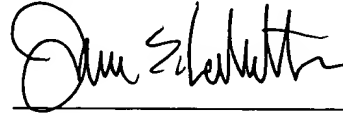
**JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 02-285006  
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**JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 03-044798  
FILED March 11, 1991**

Certified copies of these priority documents were filed on February 6, 1992 in parent application serial no. 07/740,629 filed August 5, 1991 (USPN 5,235,581, issued August 10, 1993), and acknowledged by the Patent Office in paper no. 4 (mailed August 17, 1992) of the parent application.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 USC §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of these papers.

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#### [54] OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESSES

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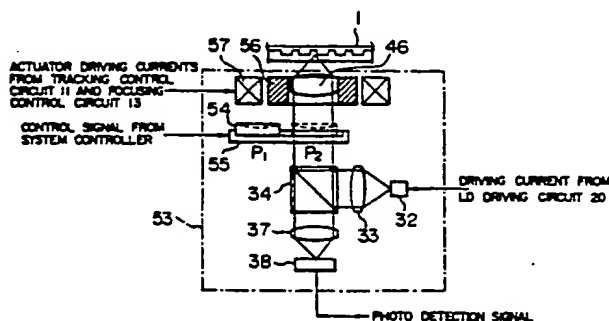
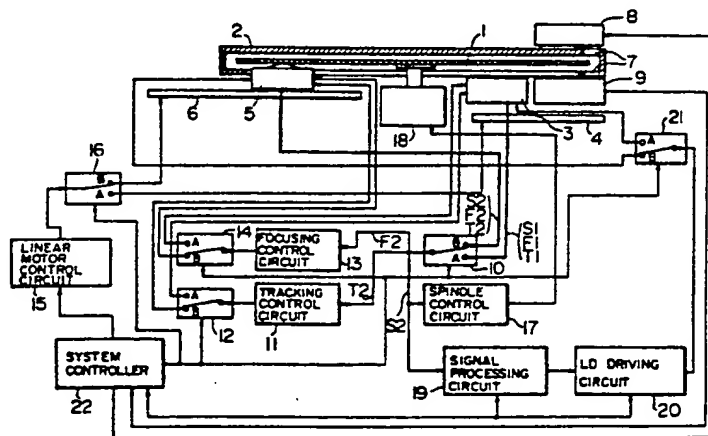
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#### [57] ABSTRACT

An optical disc apparatus for recording, reproducing or erasing an information signal by converging a light flux onto a recording layer through a transparent substrate. The apparatus includes one or a plurality of optical heads having a plurality of objective lenses whose aberrations have respectively been corrected for a plurality of disc substrates of different thicknesses, a cartridge for enclosing the optical disc, a discrimination hole which is formed on the cartridge, and a sensor for detecting the opening/closing state of the discrimination hole and for generating a discrimination signal. In accordance with the result of the discrimination as to the thickness of the loaded optical disc, the objective lens, in which the occurrence of the aberration is smallest, is used, so that the information signal can preferably be recorded, reproduced or erased onto/from the optical discs having different substrate thicknesses. Instead of an optical head having objective lenses, an optical head having a waveguide and a plurality of converging grating couplers whose aberrations have respectively been corrected for a plurality of disc substrates of different thicknesses is provided to achieve the same object.



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